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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

KELLY EUGENE DILLARD et al.

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**PETITION TO EXTEND TIME**

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice of Appeal for two (2) months, from October 23, 2000 to December 23, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of a Continuing Prosecution Application and a Response to Advisory Action is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$390.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account.

This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: DEC 5, 2000

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